POOR MEN'S TEARS FALL FOR BLAKE.

Death of the Big-Hearted Superintendent of Outdoor Charities.

LOVED BY EVERYBODY.

For Twenty-seven Years He Was the City's Chief Minister to the Poverty Stricken.

HAD THE NAMING OF ALL WAIFS.

His Humor Was as Keen as His Pity Was Deep, and Even Sightless Mendicants Felt Happiness in His Presence.

William Wallace Blake, a good friend of the poor, died yesterday. For twenty-seven years he was in the service of the Department of Charities, and since May, 1878, was the superintendent of outdoor poor, while death occurred at 1.30 a.m. at No. 23. His death occurred at 1:30 a. m., at No. 237 East Twelfth street, where he had lived with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blake.

It is doubtful whether the loss of any other public official could evoke so sincere and widespread a sense of personal loss,

could to relieve it and lighten the burdens of the poor.

An Trishman by Birth.

Mr. Blake was born in Wicklow County,
Ireland. He came to this city thirty-three years ago. He was at first employed as cears ago. He was at first employed as stewart, the millionaire dry goods merhant. On June 1, 1870, he was appointed saistant to George C. Kellock, who was superintendent of the Poor for twenty-ine years, the department having had only hree superintendents since 1838.

When Mr. Kellock died, in May, 1878, dr. Blake succeeded him as superintendent, At that time and until the creation of the separate Department of Correllons, on January 1, 1896, all the pehal intitutions of the city were under his superision as were all hospitals and charithle

Had Been Alling Two Years. His immediate death, after ten days' ab ence from work, was caused by heart failure. But for two years he suffered from Bright's disease and the effects of



William Wallace Blake, Whom the Poor Mourn.

Had a Keen Sense of Humor.

he brightened by a timely joke. He never wearied of rallying his blind charges, on Public Works Commissioner Collis has

Superintendent was in the habit of cont- The will of the late Lyman S. Burnham, for posing names, some of which are as follows: A boy found in a barrel, "Charles Burnham, was admitted to profuse in Brooklyn Barrel," or a girl picked up in the spow, "Allee Snow." But Mr. Blake used to deny this. He said that the names he bestowed that to last a lifetime, and he would not give one which could in any way reflect on property. posing names, some of which are as fol- merly a member of the firm of Journey &

bis office, he was not content to have those well done, but spent much of his leisure and in great privacy much of his saiary of \$3,000 in looking for suffering that had not sought him, and in doing all that he

An everyday scene in the office of the big-hearted Superintendent of the Outdoor Poor, who died early system ay morning after twenty-seven years' service in the Department of Charities.

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Beer, flowed freely and everybody became every one with whom he came in contact. He was more than an ordinary office hold, as the one of the same in contact. He was more than an ordinary office hold, as the other hold, we show the same in the output of the same in the same i

NEW PORTICO IS TOO BIG.

He delighted, too, in the humorous aspects of life. Many were the tear-stained faces. Collis Says the New York Life Building Can't Have It.

their persistence in speaking as though notified the New York Life Insurance Comthey saw him. Five hundred of those sightless pensioners of the city who went posed entrance and portice to its new building at Nos. 346 and 348 Broadway, as it

to him regularly for their dole of \$50 a year-just increased by his efforts to \$50 he knew. He used to greet them by name, never making a mistake. Some old fellow would come up and say: "I'm glad to set you looking so well, Mr. Blake."

And he would answer: "Oh, well, if you can see me I guess I wont give you the relief meant for the blind." Then there would be a laugh all around.

He had the naming of thousands of children, waifs of the city, but he never gave the same name twice, and had so dimerling in the same name twice, and had so dimerling in making a selection for each new case. The number of foundlings in the clity averages more than a hundred a year. Storles have been told that the General Superintendeau was in the babli of company on February 23 last through Alderman Brown, presented a resolution to the Board of A

tts owner's origin or hold him up to rid!

cule.

Arduous as were the regular labors of granted to Lewis Nixon, of the Crescent ship-

'Self-Denial" Means a Saving of Millions to the Wealthy.

LABOR SUFFERS THE LOSS.

Experts Give Figures Showing How One-Half Starves While the Other Half Saves.

OVER A MILLION TO THE BAD.

Humble Dependants on Many Branches of Trade Are Thrown Out of Work by the Suspension of Gayety.

Lent is here—the season when Dives fasts and Lazarus mourns for his crumbs. Three Alleged Burglars, One a Pretty For forty days the poor will tighten their belts, while the rich follow the observances imposed by canonical law, give

the "self-denial" means to the other name.

The Hardship of Self-Denial.

From data furnished by experts in trade supering the Journal gives careful estimates herewith mean 1 when the self-denial se of whar the poor will lose, and what the near rich will gain by reason of all the "self-toge" denial" that will gladden the consciences of the fashlonable between now and Easter. be trouble New York spends \$3,000,000 a year for good gradflowers alone. Thorley, the florist, says so, the

and he ought to know. "The first three weeks of Lent are the | dullest of the year," he said yesterday. In "Later the trade picks up in anticipation or of Easter, but just now it is very poor, In large establishments, employes are not wi discharged, but the decrease of trade af-fects many who are even less able to stand the loss. The people who gather greens fac and do rough work, find themselves with was removed, and she bid her out employment, and to them Lent means semble the original very much. a loss of between \$400,000 and \$500,000," At Sherry's, Delmonico's, the Waldorf and WAS IT INCENDIARISM?

other places of fashionable entertainment. the servants are never dismissed when there The Fire Marshal is investigating a Sur is nothing for them to do. But Lent to them means only a little well-carned rest. To the marketmen, who suffer by less business at these establishments, however, it "I believe that the organized bands of

No Such Delicacies as These.

lismissed, and the owners will go South to be fashionable and economize.

OBSERVATIONS OF LENT. Impressive Ceremonies in the Episcopal and

First Day.

Catholic Churches Marked the

Catholie and Episcopal churches Ash Wednesday services were held, and the day was observed with great solemnity. Archbishop Corrigan celebrated Low Mass at 7 o'clock at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

At 9 a. m. high mass was celebrated there by the Bev. W. J. B. Daly. The Rev. P. Daiy was deacon, the Rev. T. F. Murphy sub-deacon and the Rev. Henry T. Newey master of ceremonies. The responses were sung by the chancel choir of boys from the Orphun Asylum. After the "blessing of the ashes" these were distributed to the congregation.

KICKED AT THE CAMERA.

Woman, Worried the Brooklyn Police Photographer.

picious Blaze in a West Side Tenement House.

fivebugs in this city have been completely No Such Delicacies as These.

The wholesale merchants from whom provisions for the big banquets are purchased buy less, and the raisers of poulity, fruits and vegetables find no buyers for their produce. The thousands of chickens which would be consumed in "supreme de volaille" for cotilloh suppers, the partridges, grousei terrapin, asparagus, lettuce, hothouse

All the week days of Leaf took has recollation in the evening for meal, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.

The Church excuses from the obligation of Fasting, but not of abstinct a special cases of sicknessi the infirm those who are attaining their growth. taborious character women in pregnance or those nursuag infacts and all who as

The following Dispensations are granted for this Diocese by the authority of the Holy See:

A small piece of bread, with a cup of coffee los of chocolate, may be taken in the

By a special indoh granted to the flintegs of the United States for ten years daring from Mar

The time for fulfilling the Easter precess of Communica in the Archdinesis extends from the first aday in land to Trivilly Sunday, inclusive By order of the Mass Kentered Architistion

Archbishop Corrigan's Order for the Observance of Lent.

Lent began yesterday. In all the Roman It Gives Traders Courage to Invest in Railway Stocks.

curity Offered.

CABLE NEWS DISCOURAGING.

The Market Halted Somewhat at First on Account of Dispatches About the Greek Imbroglio.

Wall Street, Wednesday, March 3. The influence of the Lake Shore refund-ing scheme was felt in the stock market in a most decided fashion. Speculators immediately began casting about and disrecurables, to service at half-mast on all the city lings in memory of the dead Supering their digestive organs a well-scrued holi-day, and save their good dollars for the Brooklyn Police Department, has a rather railroads having 7 and 6 per cent bouds materials at the covered that there were a number of other Brooklyn Police Department, has a rather railroads having 7 and 6 per cent bouds materials at the covered that there were a number of other remarkable collection of negatives in his studio on the top floor of the Municipal Account of the Municipal Account of the Municipal State of the

details intended to take their pictures egan to protest.

It wont amount to anything," the stendent said. "If you are not consecuted and the first of the market best of the market said. "If you are not consecuted as the pictures, but I o have them taken."

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In mide no reply, but her teeth came with the market best of the supply of stocks appeared to grow smaller as prices advanced, and the speculative strength could not be attributed to evenling of short contracts, as the greatest advances were recorded in stocks in which no short luterest existed.

The market balted somewhat at the opening, due to lower cables from London, disquicting dispatches from abroad on the Greek embrogilo, and the locome statement of the St. Paul railrond for the fourth week of February. As there was one less day in February is 87. than in 1896, and the road the flap hid har turned her head the flap hid her mayletely. Mr. Shepard got a beautifure of the last. Nelle was completely. Mr. Shepard got a beautifure of the last. Nelle was completely. Mr. Shepard got a beautifure of the last. Nelle was completely. Mr. Shepard got a beautifure of the last. Nelle was completely and she hid her face. This soved, and she hid her face. Finally re was taken, but it does not re-

Following are the sales of bonds, ressed in \$1,000s, and range of prices:

1910, M. L. Service Bear which steed on Friday night, as greated to the special control of the Musicipal Con

York, 64. Mexican dollars were quoted at Marc the 50%. Bar silver in London closed at 29%.

Money on call, 14401% per cent. Time money, 203 per cent. Foreign paper, 305 March

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Rallroad reports gross earnings for the month of February of \$1,070.838, a decrease, of \$46,174 as compared with the same period of last year.

The Northern Pacific Railroad reports gross earnings for the third week of February of \$285.586, an increase of \$2,655 as compared with the same period of last year.

The Denver & Rio Grande Railroad re May ports gross earnings for January of \$485. ports gross earnings for January of 8485,-165, a decrease of 884,481 as compared with the same month of last year, and net 8174,-197, a decrease of 845,604. Surplus (def.), 88,181, a decrease of 851,744. For the seven months ending January 31 the gross earn-ings were 84,254,504, a decrease of 8597,270 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net 81,710,667, a decrease of 8346,058. Surplus, 8352,280, a decrease of 8346,058. Surplus, 8352,280, a decrease

The Rio Grande Southern Railroad reports gross earnings for January of \$26.-490, a decrease of \$0,880 as compared with the same month of last year, and net \$10.083, a decrease of \$5,426. Deficit, \$3,075, Mar. ending January 31 the gross earnings were \$255.827, a decrease of \$52,118 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, and net \$115.640, a decrease of \$52,127.

Surplus, \$19,242, a decrease of \$48.841.

No grade........\$1,5061.60

Surplus 16,900 \$16,506 inc. \$364 The Brooklyn Rapid Transit system reports for Par

Following are the closing Boston quota- July 78 1211/2 34% Latest London quotations are as follows:

WHEAT GETS A REST. The Market Was Unusually Dull and Closed Weak at a Slight Decline for the Day. On 'Change, Wednesday, March 3. There is little to say about the wheat market to-day, except that it was weak all day and closed dull. Absolutely no news trading was wholly without feature. quieter day on 'Change bas not been known The market was slightly firmer at the opening, selling up 1/sc, to 1/sc, on light business. But Liverpool cables soon came in week and 1d. lower and prices here began to ease off readily in sympathy. Nothing of a bullish nature rurned up to help the

to lend support, the market continued weak and closed dult and heavy at a net loss of %c, to %c, with May futures quoted at 80%c, and July at 78%c. The growing crop situation in the West was unchanged. Some damage was reported from South Russia, but not enough to affect prices. Chicago prices closed at %c. to %c. Ber d The local cash market was dull and easy, OZD The local cash market Sales were 24,020 bushels for export. 2 red wheat was quoted at Sour, to page, free on board affort; No. 1 hard New York 87%c., free on board affort; No. 1 North ern New York, 83%c., free on board affoat No. 1 Northern Duluth, 85%c., free of

one, and as clearances were small and

little cash or export business was done

The corn market was very standard steady. Prices were but fractionally changed from yesterday's closing. The changed from yesterday's last quotations.

lay. Options for but one month-May-vere dealt in. Prices closed ic. lower. (ash ales were 77,000 bushels, local. The flour market was quiet and easier. The market for provisions was a little timer, with the live hog market, and losed 5 to 10 points higher. Following is the day's range of prices.

New York. WHEAT. Open. High. LARD. Chleago WHEAT Minneapolis, Duluth. WHEAT St. Louis.

Lehigh's Earnings Falling Off.

Philadelphia, March 3.—The net earnings of the Lebigh Valley Railroad Company for January. Hilmois (entral. 984, St. Panl. 794, Georges of \$185,722.28. The two months of t Kansas & Texas. 138, Southern Railway, 84, fixed year to January 31, show a decrease of Lake Shore. 157 Southern R's pf. 29. Lake Shore. 157 Southern R's pf. 29. net earnings of \$270,517.18. The net sarah fixed x Nash. Shi, Wahnsh pf. 164, carry, 1897, show a decrease of \$177,465.74. The latter two months of the feed year the decrease. Money in London, 1½ per cent. Re e of in use earnings was \$220,025.39.